## **Public Notice**

Applicant: Date:

William R. Mason

John T. Published: March 4, 2003

O'Neill Expires: April 2, 2003

**U.S. Army Corps** 

of Engineers In Reply Refer To:

Buffalo District CELRB-TD-R RE: 98-478-0012(1) Section: OH 10 and 404

Application for Permit under Authority of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

William R. Mason, 32950 Lake Road, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012 and John T. O'Neill, 32942 Lake Road, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012 have applied for Department of the Army authorization to perform work in Lake Erie. The project is located at 32950 and 32942 Lake Road, Avon Lake, Lorain County, Ohio.

Department of the Army authorization is required for the discharge of 668 cubic yards of stone and timber fill below the Ordinary High Water elevation of Lake Erie (573.4 feet, International Great Lakes Datum 1985).

The applicants are seeking Department of the Army authorization for the following activities:

- a. Construction of a linear timber crib pier extending from an existing concrete seawall off of the William R. Mason property. The proposed pier will be 50 feet in length, 10 feet in width, and will be constructed of oak timber columns and stone fill for a total of approximately 100 cubic yards of material to be placed below the Ordinary High Water level. The pier sections will be capped with a reinforced concrete slab having an elevation of approximately 576.5 feet (IGLD 1985).
- b. Construction of an L-shaped timber crib pier extending lakeward from the existing timber crib pier on the John T. O'Neill property. The proposed pier will be 130 feet in total length, 10 feet in width, and will be constructed of oak timber columns and stone fill for a total of approximately 288 cubic yards of material to be placed below Ordinary High Water. The pier sections will be capped with a reinforced concrete slab having an elevation of approximately 576.5 feet (IGLD 1985).

c. The placement of approximately 280 cubic yards of 5-7 ton armor stone below the Ordinary High Water level of Lake Erie, along 130 linear feet of the northern face of the proposed L- shaped pier and along 25 feet of existing timber crib pier. The armor stone will be placed at a 3:2 slope and will extend to a top elevation of 576 feet.

The purposes of the timber crib pier sections are to provide access to navigable water depths and shelter from waves for the applicants' recreational watercraft. The armor stone is designed to protect the outer face of the L-shaped pier and existing timber crib pier from wave and ice actions.

Location and details of the above described work are shown on the attached maps and drawings.

Questions pertaining to the work described in this notice should be directed to Claudia R. Steele, who can be contacted by calling (716) 879-4294, or by e-mail at: Claudia.R.Steele@lrb01.usace.army.mil

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity complies with Ohio's approved Coastal Zone Management Program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with that program. Any comments on the consistency of the proposed activity with Ohio's Coastal Zone Management Program should be forwarded to:

Ohio Department of Natural Resources 1952 Belcher Drive Building C-2, Fountain Square Columbus, Ohio 43224-1386 Telephone (614) 265-6411 FAX (614) 267-2981 e-mail: kim.baker@dnr.state.oh.us

The following authorization(s) may be required for this project:

Water Quality Certification (or waiver thereof) from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

There are no registered historic properties or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places that will be affected by this project.

In addition, available evidence indicates that the proposed work will not affect a species proposed or designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior as threatened or endangered, nor will it affect the critical habitat of any such species.

This notice is promulgated in accordance with Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, parts 320-330. Any interested party desiring to comment on the work described herein may do so by submitting their comments, in writing, so that they are received no later than 4:30 pm on the expiration date of this notice.

Comments should be sent to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1776 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York 14207, and should be marked to the attention of Claudia R. Steele, or by e-mail at: Claudia.R. Steele@lrb01.usace.army.mil. A lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the work as proposed.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be fully considered during the public interest review for this permit application. All written comments will be made a part of the administrative record which is available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act. The Administrative Record, or portions thereof may also be posted on a Corps of Engineers internet web site. Due to resource limitations, this office will normally not acknowledge the receipt of comments or respond to individual letters of comment.

Any individual may request a public hearing by submitting their written request, stating the specific reasons for holding a hearing, in the same manner and time period as other comments.

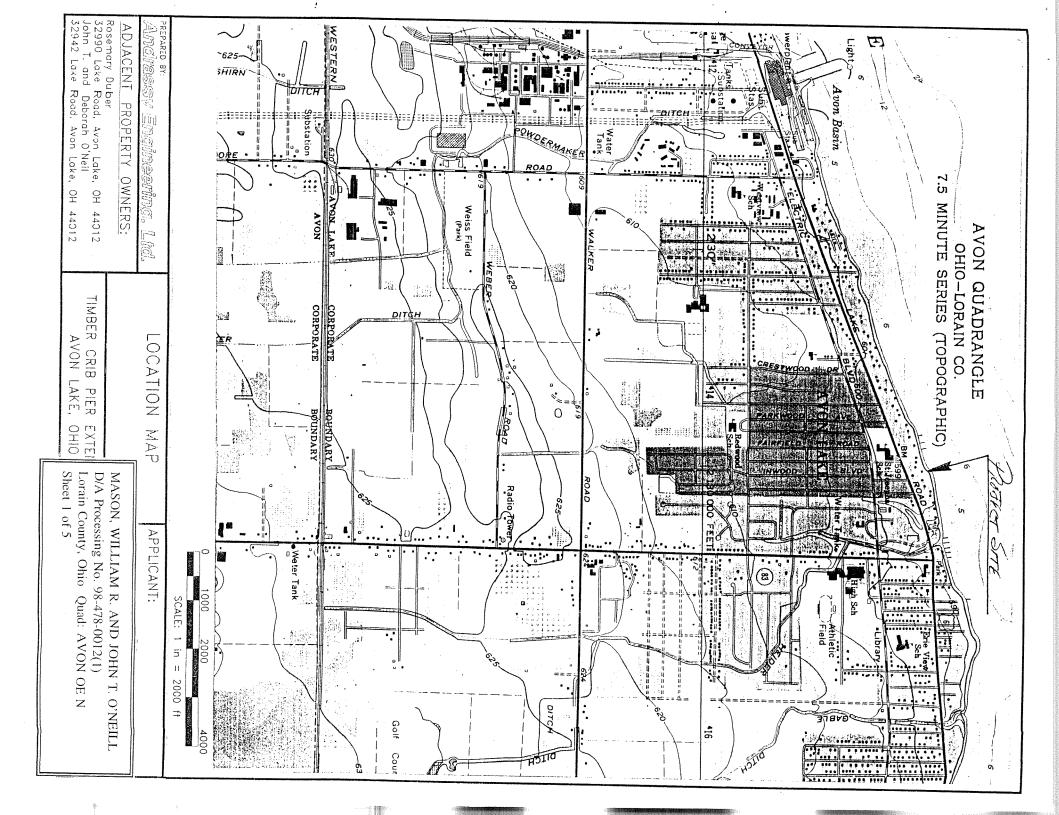
Public hearings for the purposes of the Corps permit program will be held when the District Commander determines he can obtain additional information, not available in written comments, that will aid him in the decision making process for this application. A Corps hearing is not a source of information for the general public, nor a forum for the resolution of issues or conflicting points of view (witnesses are not sworn and cross examination is prohibited). Hearings will not be held to obtain information on issues unrelated to the work requiring a permit, such as property ownership, neighbor disputes, or the behavior or actions of the public or applicant on upland property not regulated by the Department of the Army. Information obtained from a public hearing is given no greater weight than that obtained from written comments. Therefore, you should not fail to make timely written comments because a hearing might be held.

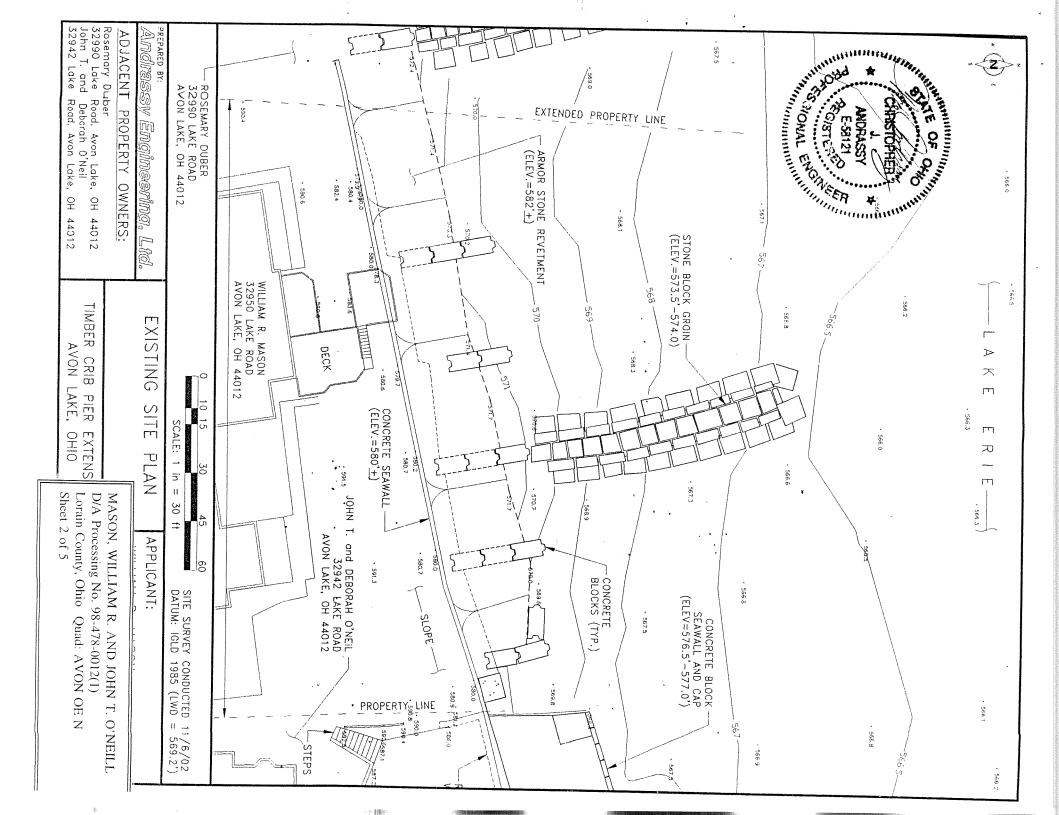
The decision to approve or deny this permit request will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

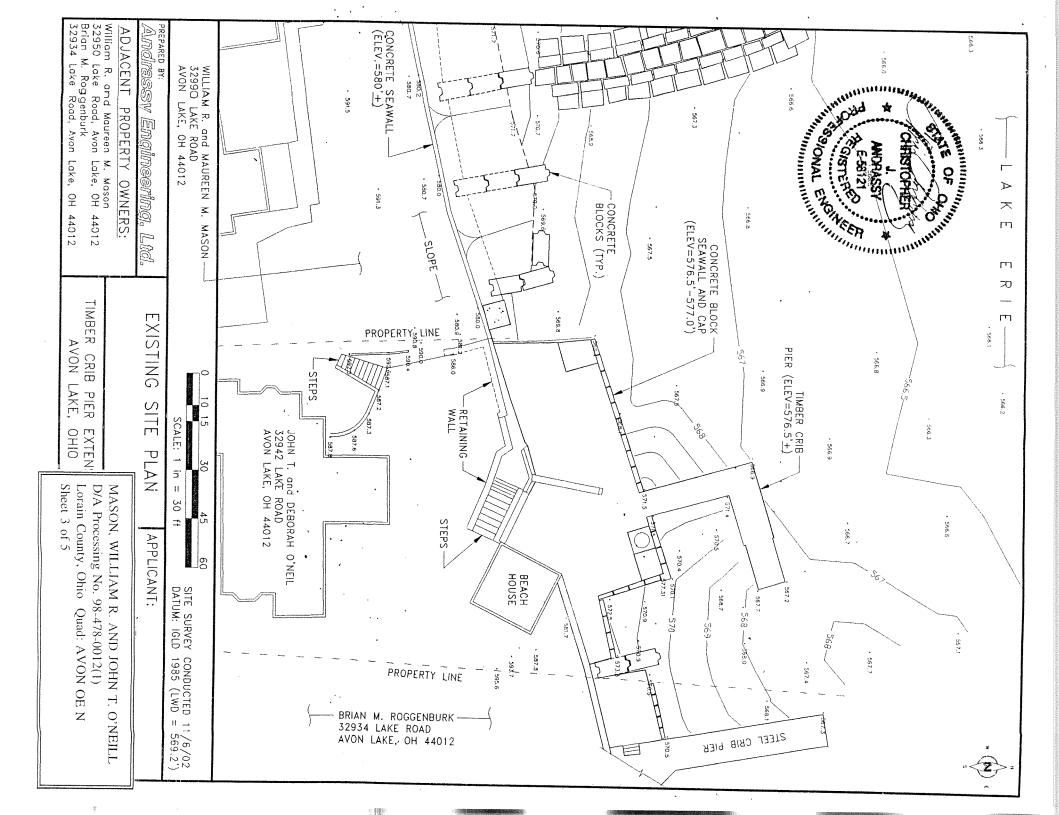
The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

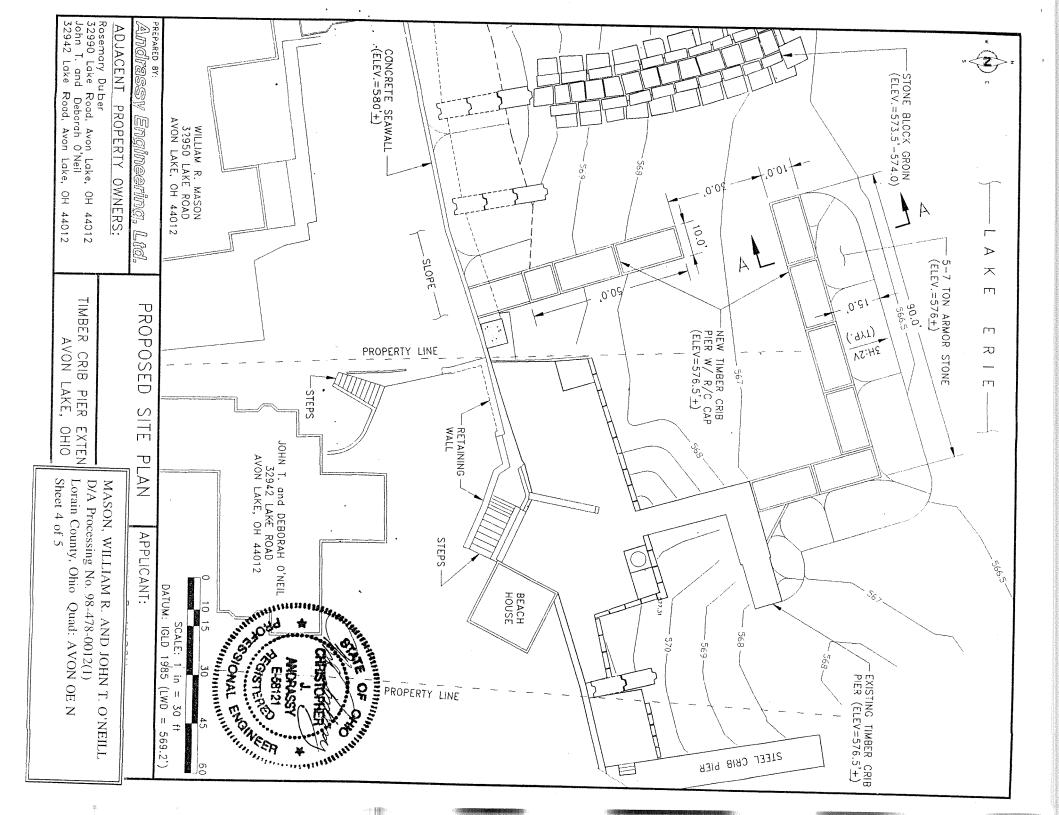
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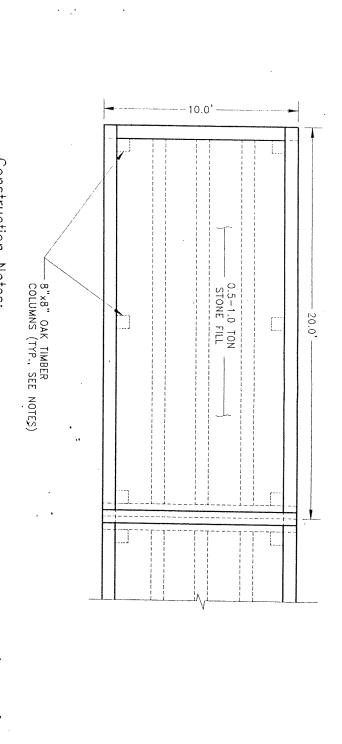
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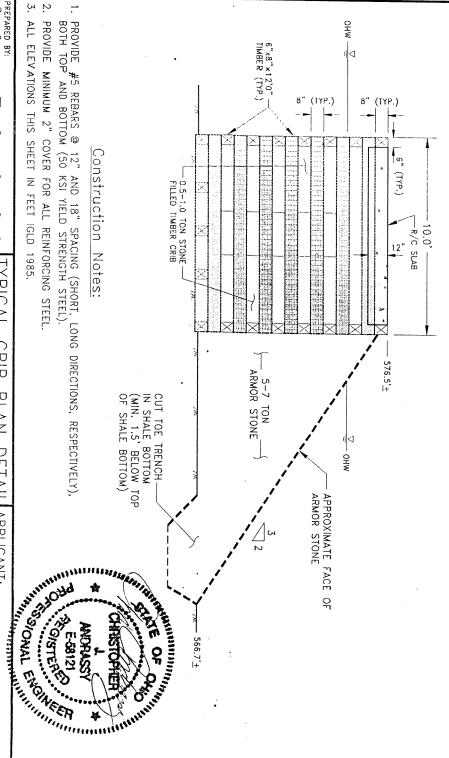






## Construction Notes:

1. NOTE: ERECT TIMBER COLUMNS AT CORNERS AND MID-SIDES OF EACHY CRIB SECTION; BOLT SIDE MEMBERS HROUGH COLUMNS AT ALL CONNECTIONS W/ HIGH STRENGTH NUT, BOLT, AND WASHERS



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TYPICAL CRIB PLAN <u>Р</u> AL APPLICANT:

TIMBER CRIB and SCALE: SECTION PIER OHIO OHIO Ci A-A

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